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APPLICANTS: Y. NISHIDA et al.
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

SIR:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, for the above identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in this application and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka et al. (USP 5,584,727) in view of Nakamigawa, et al. (JP 10-003643) Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

It is the Examiner's position that it would have been easy to combine Tanaka and Nakamigawa to reach what is claimed. However, on the other hand, it must also be noted that the Examiner does admit that Tanaka does not disclose Tb1 and Bs2 and that Nakamigawa does not disclose Bs1, Tm and Tww.